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In Patent Application of:)
Xuelu ZOU et al.) Group Art Unit: 1755
Serial No.: 09/893,958) Examiner: Elizabeth A. Bolden
Filed: June 29, 2001)
For: OPTICAL GLASS AND OPTICAL)
PRODUCT USING THE SAME)

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REPLY TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Official Action issued August 23, 2002, Applicants hereby elect, albeit with traverse, the Group I "invention" which includes Claims 1-19, 59-101, 105 and 106, drawn to a glass composition.

The Restriction Requirement is traversed because it is believed that the two groups of claims set up by the Examiner are drawn to sufficiently interrelated inventions to warrant examination thereof in a single application. Indeed, the glass composition of the Group I "invention" is sufficiently related to the method of making glass products of the Group II "invention" that a complete search of the glass composition would necessarily turn up art relevant with regard to the method of making.

A complete search for both groups of claims would be sufficiently coextensive such that search and examination of the entire application can be made without serious burden on the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. Moreover, examination of the

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interrelated Group I and II "inventions" would be more efficient than independent examination. Therefore, favorable reconsideration of the Requirement for Restriction is respectfully requested.

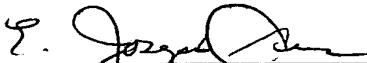
From the foregoing, substantive action on the merits of all of the claims of record is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner has any questions concerning this response or the application in general, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned so as to expedite prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

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